RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

GROWL

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POLITICS, PUBLIC AND HSUS

By Jeffrey David Ball

If you are like me, you will be thrilled when the local, state and national elections are over. Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, enough is enough already. Don't you just wish they would give us an ounce of credit, and let us vote on the candidate's credentials and knowledge, instead of the negative campaigning? By the time you read this, the elections will be over for now, or will they? With challenges possible, posturing for positions, private agendas to be addressed and so on, the election news will probably continue one way or another. If that is not enough, next year in New Jersey we have the State Legislators and the Governor up for election, so it will start again shortly. That aside, the issue most disturbing to me, was seeing the Humane Society of United States (HSUS) and Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF), heavily involved in a campaign in my district. I know, they have always been politically involved, but not like this.

The district I live in is approximately 740,000 people and your average family is approximately 3 people. I could not find the number of homes in the district, but let's be conservative and say 225,000. The campaign HSUS and HSLF ran against the incumbent was impressive. HSUS President Wayne Pascelle kicked it off by doing political walks with constituents, knocking on doors asking residents to vote for the challenger because, "they care about the well-being of animals". The objective of Wayne Pascelle doing this was to get press, which they received. In addition to the walks, they did phone calls, made financial donations to their candidate, encouraged others to donate to the candidate and mailed to every home a 8 ½ by 11 two sided color brochures for their candidate. Not just one, but three slick, professionally done brochures. Any child or adult seeing these brochures could easily be left with an impression that could sway their opinion. These brochures were picture versions of the ads HSUS runs on television. As an organization, if you are trying to win over a candidate to support your positions, these are the types of actions that will do it. Whether they do actually help a candidate win or not, is hard to say. But HSUS and HSLF will take credit if they do win.

You have to wonder how much money HSUS and HSLF spent on this campaign, but truth be told, we will never really know. They legally need to account for political contributions, but we will never know the true numbers based on different factors. How much money did they convince others to donate? How many did they convince to buy tickets to fundraisers, put signs up on their lawns or do campaign work? These are answers we will never know. For that matter, the candidate may never know why people donated, campaigned or voted for them. But, HSUS and HSLF will try to convince them it was their efforts that put them over the top.

One thing I can estimate is the cost of the brochures and mailing. Three brochures, printed and mailed to all the homes in the district, they spent at least $150,000. I know the post office has bulk rate mail heavily discounted, but they did not do it for free. If I were to guess, the money they spent on this campaign, I would estimate about $200,000 in my district alone. Could companies have done things at cost or donated printing, sure. But I doubt these were designed or printed in house, they were all very professionally done.

Now, this was spent in one district, which may

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President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

This year's nominating committee is being chaired by Elaine Barone (*elaineb.bowow@juno,com*) with committee members Linda Hachtel and Karen Stickel working with her. They will choose the upcoming slate of officers (Vice President, Recording Secretary) and 3 board members. Please contact Elaine if you are interested in filling any of the positions. Members will receive notification about the slate no less than two weeks before our April meeting and it will be announced in the April Growl. We will accept nominations from the floor only at the April general membership meeting, they may not be made at the May meeting. Please refer to our Constitution and Bylaws for the rules about floor nominations. If you have questions please feel free to reach out to Elaine or me. If an immediate answer is not available, we will get one for you as quickly as possible.

As noted in earlier issues of the Growl, we will not hold a match show this year. We have instead chosen to participate in the World Dog Expo Meet the Breeds event being held on June 10th & 11th at the Meadowland Expo Center in Secaucus, NJ. The Expo will include educational seminars on proper dog care and nutrition, pet first aid and other significant dog ownership-related information. Ramapo Kennel Club will have a booth there both days. We need volunteers to work in shifts each day. I also ask everyone to go back to your local breed specialty clubs to encourage them to participate in this first of its kind event. Breed rescue groups will be showcased, so if your breed has a rescue group it's a good place to advertise all you do. It's more important than ever that we showcase our purebred, purpose-bred dogs and educate the public about them.

We have a Barn Hunt program for next week's meeting. Barn Hunt has become very popular in this area. It's remarkable to watch a dog's prey drive instinct rise to the surface as it catches on to what is in front of it. Everyone involved has a ton of fun. I am working on getting a veterinarian to present a program on Emergency First Aid for April.

As always, I welcome input from our members. This club succeeds because of YOU. Let me know if you have an idea for a meeting program, a club event or a way to bring in new members. Whatever it is, I'm happy to hear about it.

Thank you!

Sharon

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Jeffrey David Ball

Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
January 11th 2017
American Legion Hall
11 Oak Ave Pequannock, NJ 07440

Sharon Femer called the meeting to order at 8:31

Recording Secretary-Gerrie Oliver made a motion to accept the Minutes from January. Jeffrey Ball seconded, voted on and approved.

Treasurer- Ruth Heningsen reported that the January balance was $17,781.11. Money market- $34,878.39. Rosters are on the back table please take one and sign that you have received it.

Corresponding Secretary- No Report Tilly Grassa was absent.

Membership- New application: Stacey Przybylinski (Janis Hayes' daughter) from Pompton Lakes is a dog groomer and has labs and is involved in rescue.

Obedience- Ruth reported that classes are very crowded, Getting registrations for next session already.

Awards- Elaine Barone mentioned that new application forms are on the back table.

Sunshine- Lorraine Fennemore reported that Sue Leonard was send a wine basket after rotator cuff surgery. Marge Remland was also sent a wine basket after she broke her arm.

The NJFDC and AKC- Jeffreu reported that the S63, tethering and spay and neuter bills are all up for a vote. It is not a good outlook for those in the dog fancy and hobby breeders. The AKC is not doing what it could to help in these areas. There are 114 Clubs in NJ and a long discussion was had as to suggestions to "drain the swamp" at the AKC to get representatives who are current and have the fancy and breeders in mind.

Point Show- The 2016 show report was handed out and the Club resulted in a $2831.26 profit. It was determined that the cost for the 2017 entries would be as follows: $32 per dog, $27 Bred-By, Owner handler, puppy, junior and second entry. Barn hunt, Dock Diving and Coursing Ability are all being considered as being a part of the weekend. An Assistant Show Chairman is still needed.

Refreshments for March- Kim and Sharon.

Elaine made motion to adjourn Ruth seconded voted on and approved at 9:35

Respectfully submitted by Kim Luikert
February 19, 2017

MARCH PROGRAM: Stonehedge Kennel Barn Hunt Club

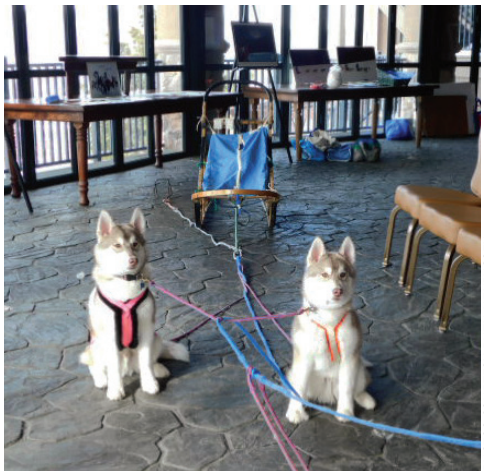
Barn Hunt is a popular dog sport open to all dogs. It is based on the traditional role dogs played in ridding farms, barns, crop storage areas and homes of destructive vermin. For many breeds specifically bred to fill these roles, Barn Hunt provides owners and breeders their first opportunity to test proper working traits in their dogs. Any dog that can fit through an 18" wide by hay bale-height tall tunnel is welcome. Barn Hunt has titles, levels of increasing difficulty, and championships. Barn Hunt is an independent sport, but titles are recognized by both the American Kennel Club (AKC) and United Kennel Club (UKC).

Note: Barn Hunt's commitment to creating a safe and fun sport for dogs carries over to the highest levels of good rat care. The rats used in Barn Hunt are often beloved family pets. They jump eagerly into their safe, comfortable aerated tubes and truly enjoy interacting with the dogs.

Leila Anichini, born in Paris, France, has been involved in USA dog sports since 1990. Leila breeds, shows and competes with Whippets, Labradors and Brussels Griffons in multiple venues including conformation, lure coursing, rally, obedience, agility, nose-work, dock diving and barn hunt. Leila always looks for new challenges and ways to advance new training techniques. Leila currently competes in barn hunt with three different breeds and is applying for her Whippet AKC judging License and Barn Hunt Judging License. She is passionate about sharing her knowledge, helping people understand their dogs and helping to create the best working team possible in whatever the venue. Leila and her son, Sylvain, own and operate a full boarding, grooming, day care and training facility in Andover NJ. Stonehedge Barn Hunt is a very active Barn Hunt club that hosts practices, clinics, fun tests and trials.

WINTER AND MERLIN SPEND THE DAY AT THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS RESORT

Saturday morning we set off on our latest adventure. Our buddies Mickey and Nemo accompanied us. We arrived at the resort to find a lot of ice blocking the entrance to the exhibit room so off we went thru the pro shop, the lobby and the bar/restaurant. All we heard as went walked thru were "Oooohs and Ahhhhs, and how cute!!. We finally got to the room where the sled dog demo was to be held, and WOW, what a beautiful, large room with a fireplace.



PHOTOS COURTESY RUTH HENINGSEN

We brought our puppy pen (to keep us safe) and then it happened—lots of people came in. Families with kids large and small—lots of them! Everyone wanted to pet us and hug us along with Mickey and Nemo. (but we knew we were the stars of the show!) We loved every minute of the attention.

We gave and got lots of kisses, especially from the kids (but many of the dads and moms also)

The best part of the day was when we got to try on our brand new harnesses and were hooked up to a real dog sled just like the big guys. This was, after all, supposed to be a sled dog demonstration.

The day went very fast and we were so busy all day. When we finally got back into the van we instantly fell asleep! But we heard that all the people, including the staff at the resort, were extremely impressed at how well behaved we were for only 4 ½ months old. We hope you enjoy seeing some of our photos.

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2016 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2016

Reg. Name of Dog _____
Dog_____ Bitch _____
AKC#_____Breed/Variety_____

Owner(s)_____

Address_____
_____email_____
Breeder_____

Owned by member(s) _____ Bred by Member(s)_____

Handled by Member(s)_____
*Indicate name of RKC Member who is to receive the award.

CATEGORY

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BIS (All Breed) Show _____ Date _____
BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____
High in Trial Show _____ Date _____
Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date_____
High in Trial Rally RA/RE Combined_____ Date_____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____
Grand Champion Show _____ Date _____
Bronze, Silver, Gold Gr CH Show_____Date _____
Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____
Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

BN, PCD, CD, GN, PCDX, CDX, GO, PUTD, UD, UDX, VER, TD, TDX, RN, RA, RE, RAE, OM, OGM

TITLE

_____ Show _____ Date _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, Agility Therapy dog etc.)

_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____
_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____
_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____

Photocopies of all AKC Titles must be sent with entry. No awards will be given without photocopies. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Non-AKC Titles will only count towards the breeders' award and certificates of achievement. Temperament testing is a Non-AKC Title.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Awards (S.T.A.R., CGC, CGCA, WORLD CYNO SPORT,TT, or parent club titles etc.), applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____

AENNCHEN ANTONELLI / GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Presented to a club member who is the breeder of record of dogs winning the most titles in each calendar year. Dogs do not need to be owned by the club member. It is the total number of titles won which determines the winner, not the number of individual dogs.
2. Any recognized titles shall be included, ie Champion, Obedience, Field, Working Dog, etc.
3. Titles may be won in any country of the world.

LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

1. Produced the most champions (bred by owner from one bitch only) during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:

1. Produced the most "Champions" during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANNS MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 201. This award will be based on the greatest number of dogs defeated in breed competition (up to and including Best in Show) by a single dog handled by its Owner. Dogs owned or co-owned by a Professional handler are excluded. If the dog is owned and handled by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. Minimum of three scores required. Shows and scores must be provided. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

RALLY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

This award is presented to the RKC member who has achieved the AKC Rally Advanced/Excellent title. To earn this title, the dog must have completed the requirements for the Rally Excellent title and received qualifying scores in both Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B at 10 separate trials.

PATRICIA A. SCULLY MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPEN OBEDIENCE

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with highest average scores to obtain the title of CDX in AKC Open A or B from January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016. Minimum of three scores required. Shows and scores must be provided. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The following rules govern the choice of the recipient of this award each year.

1. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has received the most letters of recommendation by the membership.
3. In the event of a tie the recipient shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from those individuals recommended by letters from the membership.
4. To be presented at the June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

1. This award celebrates those individuals who deserve special recognition for having made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embody the AKC code of sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. The award is given to a club member who has been nominated and approved by the majority of the board of directors and officers **PRIOR** to the May meeting and shall be presented at the June awards dinner. The awards chair will be notified by April 15th. The recipient only may be notified by the awards chair to insure their being present.

Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards MEMBERS must fulfill at least two of the following:

1. Work the Point Show.
2. Work the Match Show.
3. Attend two (2) Club Meetings
4. Work at Obedience and/or Show Handling Classes
5. Work on a Club Committee.
6. Participate in a Public Education Demonstration through the Club
7. Participate in a Pet Therapy Session through the Club.

(Life Members or members living more than 60 miles from show functions are exempt)
In addition, to give recognition to a greater number of members, Achievement Awards will be limited to three (3) consecutive wins by a member.

All award entries must be received by APRIL 15th, 2017 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:

ELAINE BARONE
10 BIRCH ROAD
KINNELON, NJ 07405-2505
E-mail elaineb.bowow@juno.com

YOU MAY E-MAIL YOUR LETTERS FOR THE "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"
Feel free to e-mail me your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.
Thank you and I look forward to hearing from all of you.

RKC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS DEADLINE APRIL 15TH!

Attention Members!

The RKC Achievement Award Nomination Application forms are on pages 5-7. Please remember to apply for your achievement awards each year. There are many categories in which you may qualify. Please check the website *Ramapokennelclub.com* for the complete list of categories. Descriptions and requirements for Special Club awards are also listed in the front portion of your Roster. Applications due by April 15, 2017.

ITEMS FOR SALE

AKC STUD BOOKS - 1975 through 1983, 12 issues each year.
WESTMINSTER KC catalogs -1961, 66, 67, 69, 70 to 1992—some years 2 copies
Contact: Joy Graeme Messinger
973 239 1131
joyatyeti@aol.com

CRATE DOLLY WANTED.

I anticipate showing my puppy beginning this fall. I am seeking a crate dolly to hold a large crate and pull to outdoor sites. If anyone has retired from showing and has a crate available please email *sueleonard4@yahoo.com*

POLITICS, PUBLIC AND HSUS, *continued from page 1*

have been the only one in the state. I currently do not know of any others. But, that is still a great deal of money. AKC cannot currently compete with that. If AKC and AKC PAC cannot, then NJFDC never could. So, is there anything we could or should have done about this? I would love to do the same, but I believe we can do better. What is done is done, but we need to become better prepared for the future and that starts with change. My favorite word "change" as you know from past articles.

HSUS to their credit established a plan to get where they are today. They generally have not attacked AKC, but have attacked the "puppy mills" which the public has associated on their own with AKC. HSUS goal was to win the public's sympathy and establish themselves as the true protectors and helpers of animals today. With that perception, comes financial support. With public and financial support, comes legislative support. They have no problem with changing those plans on the fly if something is not working. They are very successful right now.

AKC had a plan and it worked well for years. It was modified along the way, but it did not change sufficiently over time. It was also not under attack like it is now. Whether the fancy wants to admit it or not, it is. It's time to devise a new approach to this problem. Now would I do everything HSUS is doing? Well, I would defiantly utilize part of their plan. No matter what the plan is, it needs to start by how do we reengage the public and get them on our side. At one time, AKC had that "market". No organization knew more about our dogs or did more to help them. This is the thing that is still TRUE today. But does the public know that? Truth be told, I don't know that all the fancy knows this. If you ask the fancy about AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health or AKC Reunite, how much do you think they can tell you about them? If they cannot, how much do you think the average public knows about them? I have done surveys and asked the general public to tell me about AKC. What they should say is that they are the premier and primary resource for dog information, leaders in research to improve our dogs health/lives and always there to assist our canine family when needed. It's what AKC does, but do they know that? Instead they responded AKC are purebred dogs and they do the Westminster Dog Show, some even replied they support puppy mills. This tells you a lot, either we don't have the right message out there or we are not getting our message across. Either way, we need to change and win the public back over, whether they show or not, they need to know the real AKC.

By educating our fancy, the public and the legislators, we can gain momentum to take back what is rightfully AKCs, the right to be known as not just Champion Dogs, but the Champion of dogs.

RKC Training Class Schedule - 2017

TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES
7:30 - 8:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.
8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE
(Basic obedience skills required)

Session 2
Jan. 3, 17, 24

Session 3
Feb. 14, 21, 28
Mar. 14, 21, 28
Apr. 4

Session 4
Apr. 18, 25
May 2, 16, 23, 30
June 6

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15
Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15
Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

Session 2
Jan 4, 18, 25

Session 3
Feb 15, 22
Mar 1, 15, 22, 29
Apr 5

Session 4
Apr 19, 26
May 3, 17, 24, 31
June 7

No classes July and August

New schedule starts after Labor Day.

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

Ruth Hennigsen 973-697-9456 or
email at: RUTHH.SNO-DOG@JUNO.COM
OR Elaine Barone 973-492-1876
email elaineb.bowow@juno.com
OR Amy Starost 201-576-0491
email astarost@yahoo.com

Class registration form available on the website:
ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses

CGC/CGCA/THERAPY TESTING (there is a fee for testing)
Feb 1 and June 13

2017 RKC Show Handling

TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:45 - 7:30
Drop-in classes: $12.00 per dog,
OR 6 classes for $60.00

Jan. 17, 24
Feb. 21, 28
Mar. 14, 28
April 18, 25
May 2, 23
June 6

FMI: Linda Hachtel
973-697-4337
or Sharon Fremer
201-665-2565, teneo@mac.com

Got Stuff?

Send your stories, news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, *tgcreative@aol.com*. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Submissions are due two weeks before the meeting. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.

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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

American Legion Post 450
11 Oak Ave.
Pequannock, NJ 07440 at 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, March 8 Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15.
Program: A presentation by Leila Anichini from the Stonehedge Kennel Barn Hunt Club.

Wednesday, April 12 Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA

Wednesday, May 10 Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15.
Club elections, no guests.

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11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

FIRST CLASS MAIL